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### FROM THE VT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

#### **CLARIFYING THE PROCESS FOR ENROLLMENT IN VERMONT HOME STUDY**

##### **Audience: All**

Commissioner Vilaseca recently sent out a memorandum which clarifies the process for enrollment in Vermont home study. Topics include circumstances under which the Department will and will not accept enrollment notices for processing, Labor Day submissions, terms of acceptance and enrollment notice clarification. [Click here](#) to read the full memo.

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#### **VT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES – OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT**

##### **Audience: All**

During spring 2012, the State Board of Education's Priorities Committee met with education partner organizations and other constituents on the development of a list of priorities the Board would focus on in the coming year. At its June planning meeting, members of the State Board of Education unanimously approved the priority list and agreed that these will receive their highest level of attention and action throughout the coming year. The Board welcomes your comment on the proposed list – [click here to view the list](#). Please email your comments to: [sbepriorities@list.education.state.vt.us](mailto:sbepriorities@list.education.state.vt.us)

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## REMINDER: CLARIFICATION AROUND AYP

### Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

The official release of the 2012 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results will occur on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary embargoed reports will be mailed to principals and superintendents to arrive on July 30<sup>th</sup>. You can view last year's (2011) AYP results and more information on accountability [here](#). The Commissioner's Required Action FY13 memo was also posted online last week; [click here](#) to read the memo.

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## VT DOE FEATURE – GET TO KNOW THE STAFF: MIKE BAILEY

### Audience: All

Mike Bailey is a Business Analyst in the General Supervision & Monitoring (GSM) Division. Mike has overall responsibility for the data collection and reporting regarding students with disabilities in the state of Vermont. Mike also coordinates data analysis for the Annual Performance Report (APR), and oversees most of the data collections which go into it. Finally, Mike is a consultant to the Special Education Administrators in the Southwest Region, and compiles the updates which go out to all Special Education Administrators during the school year. [Click here](#) to learn more about Special Education data reports and publications.

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## FY13 BEST/ACT 230 GRANT APPLICATION – SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE

### Audience: Superintendents, Special Education Directors, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

#### Deadline: September 17, 2012

FY13 BEST/Act 230 grants are available (through application) to all Supervisory Unions/Districts in amounts based on an allocation formula. Funds are intended to support capacity building in supervisory unions, districts, and schools to meet the needs of students who are at risk of not meeting Vermont's educational standards. Based on Vermont's focus of continuous improvement, the Commissioner has designated development of a Behavioral and Academic Multi-tier System of Supports (MTSS) as the priority for use of these funds. Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) include evidence-based practices of a MTSS. All BEST/Act 230 grant applications must be submitted as **one application for schools** within the supervisory union/district and sent electronically with an electronic signature or an e-mail directly from the Superintendent of Schools. Applications may be submitted immediately but no later than September 17, 2012. Applications must be submitted and approved before funds are expended. To access the FY13 BEST/Act 230 grant application packet, please go to: [http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_ess.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_ess.html).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELLNESS, AND SAVING ENERGY: ARE YOU A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL?

### Audience: Principals, Superintendents

Vermont is participating in the US Department of Education's GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS recognition program this year. In mid-September, schools will receive program criteria and an invitation to apply to be chosen as one of only four nominees from the state of Vermont for national recognition. This will be your chance to showcase local programs for environmental and energy-sustainability education and "green career" readiness, actions which promote the health and wellness of students and staff, and measurable success saving energy and reducing the school's carbon footprint. Stay tuned!

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT APPLICATION

### Audience: All

#### Deadline: February 10, 2013

The 2012-13 grant competition for the purpose of providing high-quality afterschool and summer extended learning opportunities is now open. Applications are due February 10, 2013. [Click here](#) to view the application and to get more information about October 2012 applicant workshops.

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**FROM GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN:**

**REMINDER: 'BUILD UP VERMONT' PHOTO CONTEST**

**Audience: All**

Governor Peter Shumlin launched 'Build Up Vermont' to encourage residents and visitors to share their views of the state – using their cameras. The emphasis of this initiative is to showcase photography of communities and destinations within Vermont in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, celebrating the recovery efforts since the August 28<sup>th</sup> storm. The centerpiece of Build Up Vermont is a website that will allow people to post their pictures, view the growing photo gallery and vote for their favorite shot. Photos are submitted to [www.BuildUpVT.com](http://www.BuildUpVT.com), and viewers can vote on their favorites as part of a photo contest to win tickets to see Vermont musician Grace Potter perform at the Grand Point North Festival at Burlington's Waterfront Park in September (visit [www.grandpointnorth.com](http://www.grandpointnorth.com) for more information). [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

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**FROM THE VTPBIS TEAM:**

**THE 2012-2013 VTPBIS/BEST TRAINING CALENDAR IS NOW ONLINE**

**Audience: All**

The BEST Team is pleased to announce the 2012-13 training sequence for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and other evidence-based practices that prevent and address challenging behaviors through promoting positive school culture. New this year in order to maximize resources, many trainings are available via technology or delivered face-to-face regionally. Please visit [www.pbisvermont.org](http://www.pbisvermont.org) to access the training schedule, locations and fees.

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**FROM THE VERMONT READS INSTITUTE:**

**REMINDER: ADOLESCENT LITERACY OPPORTUNITY**

**Audience: Middle and High School Administrators, Teachers**

P. David Pearson will give the keynote address at the Vermont Reads Summer Institute, August 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Pearson will unpack the common core standards, their affordances and opportunities, their constraints and their dilemmas, and finishes with a discussion of how they might be used to frame the curriculum that our students, their families, and our nation really need. There's still space in this two-day workshop offered by Vermont Reads Institute which will focus on adolescent literacy. The presenter, [Judith Irvin](#), is a national leader in adolescent literacy. Both afternoon sessions are *free of charge for school administrators*. The charge for other participants for the two days is \$400. To register go to: <http://www.vriuvvm.org/projects/summer-institute/>.

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**FROM VPR & THE YOUNG WRITERS PROJECT:**

**REMINDER: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: MILLENNIAL WRITERS ON STAGE!**

**Audience: All**

**Deadline: 08/10/12**

VPR and the Young Writers Project are looking for the state's best young writers to read their work live on stage in September at the Burlington Book Festival. To enter the competition: write your heart out, revise (of course),

and send it in by August 10. The Young Writers Project will select the best of the bunch for the live reading. This is your chance to share your work with an audience of published authors and other wordsmiths and book lovers. A team of judges will choose the top 15 pieces to be read by the writers and recorded by VPR during the festival for airing at a later date. [Click here](#) for more information.

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